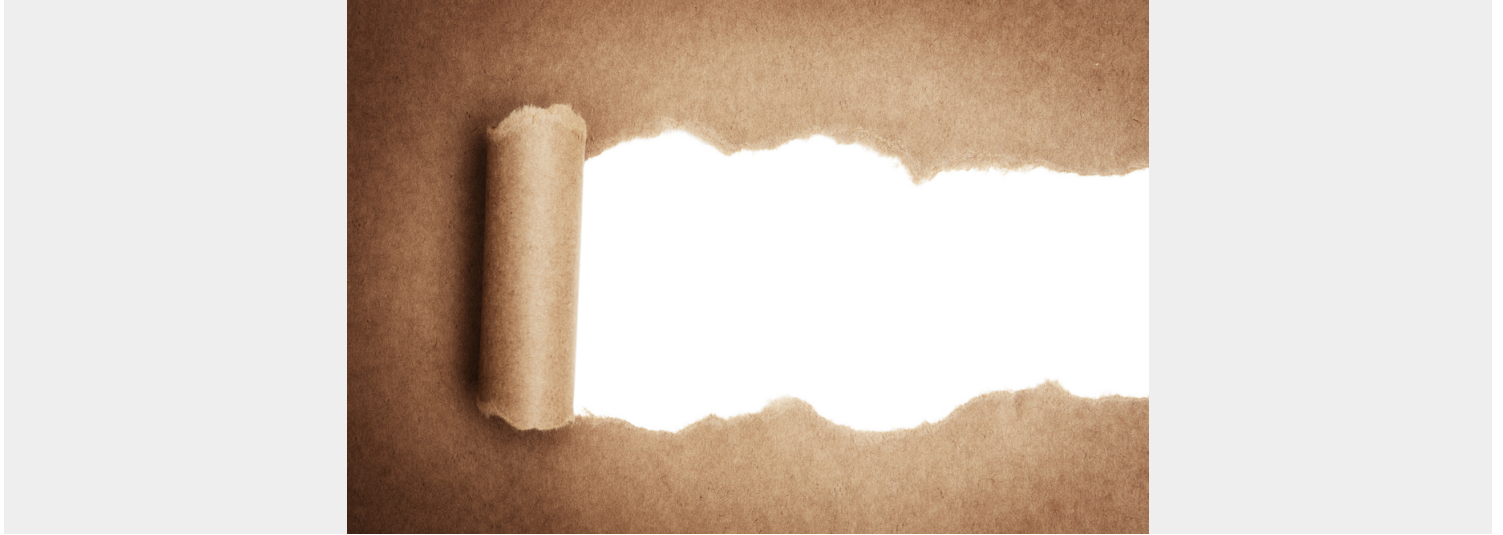


MY HONEST AGENDA

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I have an agenda. Let me start with that honest truth. I love to write, but I cannot say that I am the best at it. I love God, but there are people who love him more. I love considering the eternal, but there is so much I still have to learn. I am no professional in the world of religion — I never went to seminary and have never commanded an audience... but I am in awe of the fact that I (a normal, simple wife and mama) get to interact with God on a personal and daily basis. Anytime I want. And that He loves me. And it has mattered. Greatly. My mind is so blown, that the truth is that I cannot look into a room full of people, or watch a movie (I know they are not real man, but in my mind they are) and not consider where they might stand. If they know Him. If they are reaping the unmistakable rewards of the reality that life is always better with Him in it. It *burdens* me. And then I read this the other day:

"Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you." — Psalm 9:10

And it hit me. "Those who **know your name** will trust in you..." **The truth is that we don't trust those we do not know.** For good reason. There is too much at stake.

Heck, I knew big parts of who He was, and somehow still did not trust for a season. I found myself feeling that somehow I was missing out. That somehow knowing and following Him resulted in disqualifying yourself from a level of fun and excitement, passion and freedom. That I could do better. I was so wrong. Because he meant it when he said this:

"I know the plans I have for you... plans to prosper you and not to harm you. Plans for a hope and a future." — Jeremiah 29:11

He meant it.

So while even Christians experience the darkest of moments when life brings sudden catastrophe, heart wrenching pain, and colossal confusion— we still have the intercessor and ally of the one who knows us and loves us, has plans for us, and who commands the universe with but a breath. **He isn't a cute crutch. He is worthy of following, and capable of leading fearful and wonderful adventures.** He is to be feared. Because he can do what he wants. He is to be loved, because he first loved us — and proved it. He is to be sought after, because there are mysteries he is willing to reveal.

And my dear reader, without knowing who you are, I want this for you. So truly and desperately that I am willing to meet you in this place, in this blog that is probably lacking in so many ways, but I commit to you to stay genuine. I will be straightforward and transparent — I want people to know him better because they spent some time here. That is my "[so that](#)" prayer.

So here is my plan:

I want to dig into His [personality](#); [His character](#). In brief, simple posts. So that we might know Him better. So that we would have something to take hold of that can bring us to a place where we might trust in Him. So that we can claim his promise never to forsake those who seek Him.

There you have it. So if you don't know Him, I beg you to stick around. And if you do know Him, I beg of you to cash in — to comment. Tell us what it is about your experience with God that you have discovered about His character. We'll wrestle through truths together, and discover what it is that has kept Christianity living and well for all of so far. I am so not perfect. Those who know me know that I have flaws. But they also know I love Him. And I want to know Him better. So tell me, what do

you know, or what do wish you could know better? I am here for you, my friend. Let's dig in.